the minimum qualification should be taken into consideration.

Mr. T. M. Krishna Menon.—The Hon'ble the mover of the resolution has withdrawn it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Of course if efficiency is sacrificed everything is gone. Would it be possible for the Government to maintain a list of efficient persons who have applied for Government posts and would it also be possible to pick out from such a list the names of the unrepresented communities It is only under the colour of the word efficiency that others feel that they are shut out. That is the complaint.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—As a matter of fact we make a special note of the unrepresented classes. Whenever a vacancy arises, we select one from the unrepresented community and thus we provide them.

President.—We generally give sufficient representation to all communities. Recently I asked an Ezhuva graduate whether he could accept a particular post, but he said that he could not accept it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I am very glad to hear that.

Diwan Bahadur Dr. V. Verghese.—I have only very recently appointed an Ezhuva in my office.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Very glad that you are coming round.

Rao Sahib Mr. C. Matthai.—But generally I have been appointing more Ezhuvas than any other Departmental Head.

Mr. M. K. Raman.—I am very glad to hear that all the officers are in full sympathy with the Ezhuvas.

President.—All the credit goes to the Heads of Departments.

(*The resolution was, with leave, withdrawn.*)

26. Elevation of the untouchable classes.

President.—Then the next resolution is the one standing in the name of Mr. K. T. Mathew, *viz.*, "*That this Council recommends that an annual allotment of at least a lakh of rupees be made for the next three years for the elevation of the so-called untouchable classes.*" But the Member is absent, and, therefore, we shall proceed with the next resolution.

(*The resolution was considered withdrawn.*)

27. Chalakkudi Potteries.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Sir, I beg to move the resolution that "*this House recommends to the Government to appoint a Committee to enquire into the reasons for the present stand-still of the Chalakkudi Potteries and to suggest ways and means to run the same on up-to-date lines as a thorough-going Potteries concern.*" The resolution as it stands is sufficiently clear. But the thing is that Chalakkudi has been the seat of all sorts of weakness in industries. It is high time that something should be done to see that the Potteries are worked out. We have expended a

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few lakhs of rupees upon it and now we are using it to make bricks and tiles.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—I say it is as good as that.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I suppose that it was not the original intention of the Government. The machinery, etc., in the factory also gets rusty.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—A lot of bricks are turned out and the machinery is also used.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—I understand that the whole machinery is not used for making bricks and tiles.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Only a part of the machinery is kept still and they are polished.

President.—Mr. Salem, I think that you spoke to me about a gentleman in Calcutta who is an expert in Pottery works.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—His name is Mr. Deb.

President.—I think it will be better to ask him to go over here and examine the Potteries.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—But I think there is something wrong with it.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—There is absolutely nothing wrong with it.

President.—I think you were experimenting for making jars on a small scale.

Mr. C. J. Mathew.—Anyhow we are not getting any profit from that concern.

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—We are getting a small profit only.

Mr. C. Barton Wright.—It is a commercial concern. Are you getting a profit on the invested capital or only on the turn-out?

President.—There is a small profit on the turn-out. Because four lakhs of rupees have been spent, it is very difficult to make a profit on the invested capital.

At this stage it was 1—30 p. m. and the House rose for lunch and met again at 3—5 p. m. with the Deputy President in the Chair.

Adjournment of the Council.

Deputy President.—I am very sorry we have to be absent for a little time. So I think it is better to adjourn the Council. Practically we cannot do anything till about half past three or four. The next meeting will probably be during the last week of Meenam. I adjourn the Council.

(*The House rose at 3—7 p. m.*)

T. K. KRISHNA MENON,
Secretary to the Council.

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